

# COUNCIL BULLETIN

MARCH 2022

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL AT THE 21 FEBRUARY AND 14 MARCH MEETINGS:

Annual 2021 Financial Statements | 2021 USQ Annual Report  
Revised Academic Board Terms of Reference

**The next meeting of the USQ Council is scheduled for Monday 9 May 2022  
at the USQ Toowoomba Campus**

Council's first meeting for 2022 was held on 21 February at the Toowoomba Campus, where consideration was given to the 2021 audited financial statements, the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) Closing Audit Report for USQ for the year ending 31 December 2021, and the 2021 USQ Annual Report, including the 2021 International Travel Report. The Annual Report and annual financial statements were approved at this meeting for lodgement with the Department of Education and the Queensland Auditor-General.

Council also met on 14 March, again at the Toowoomba Campus.

## COUNCIL REFLECTIVE FORUM

At the conclusion of the 14 March meeting, Council held its annual Reflective Forum to discuss future strategic issues and initiatives.

## HONORARY AWARDS

The Chancellor announced the following Honorary Awards awarded by Council:

- Dr A Carol Cox AM - Doctor of Science
- Commissioner Stuart Smith AO DSC - Doctor of Business
- Professor Gerald Tehan (*dec'd*) - Professor Emeritus (to be awarded posthumously)
- Professor Paul Bates - Professor Emeritus
- Professor John Cole OAM - Professor Emeritus
- Professor Roger Stone - Professor Emeritus
- Professor John Thompson - Professor Emeritus
- Ms Merrilyn Strohfeldt - Fellow of the University.

These awards are to be conferred at an Honorary Awards function to be held at USQ Toowoomba in late April 2022.

## REPORTS

The Vice-Chancellor provided detailed reports on activities and issues since the December 2021 Council meeting. An update on the USQ Brand Project was also provided, where it was noted that a launch of the refreshed brand is planned for mid-2022.

Mr John Dowling, Elected Student Member on Council, provided a report to Council on activities he has been involved in since the December 2021 meeting.

A report on the key initiatives and activities of Academic Board was provided to Council, including endorsement of the new Academic Calendar proposal which is to commence a phased implementation from 2023.

Following a number of changes to senior management structures, changes to the Academic Board Terms of Reference to reflect the new structure and allow for appropriate representation were approved by Council.

Council received a draft Campus Master Plan which has been developed to guide future development across USQ's three campuses over the next 10 years. Further consultation and socialisation of the Campus Master Plan is to take place within the University and across the wider community.

Council also received the following reports:

- Risk Management Report
- Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) Athena SWAN Committee 2021 Annual Report

## RESOLUTIONS PASSED

Council approved the following:

- 2021 Financial Statements
- 2021 USQ Annual Report
- Revised Academic Board Terms of Reference
- Revised Remuneration Sub-Committee Terms of Reference.

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